

Gibson's Green Farmhouse is a rare example of a three room plan house in southern Cecil County; one of two known at the moment. The house is an interesting example of how derivative continental house plans survive well into the 19th Century in a predominantly English ~~Re~~igion. The structure has been altered with the change of the roof slope and interior remodelings. This, however, does not change its architectural significance too much since it is such an uncommon house type in the Tidewater Area.

Part of the reason for this unusual plan in Southern Cecil County may be in the fact that Thomas Van Dyke was owning the property in 1877 and began settlement in the County around 1836. He had left Kent County, Md. Cecil County tax records begin recording a new house on Gibson's Green Farm in 1856 with the value set at \$600.00 along with a new barn at an equal assessment.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

FILE 1-120

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

GIBSON'S GREEN FARM

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Augustine Herman Highway

CITY, TOWN

Cecilton

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

Augustine Herman Highway

CITY, TOWN

Cecilton

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21923

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

GIBSON'S GREEN FARM

The farmhouse on Gibson's Green Farm circa 1856 is a two and one-half story three bay by four bay frame three room plan house on Route 213 just north of Cecilton, Maryland. The house faces south with the main gable running on a north/south axis.

The main block has a two story kitchen wing that extends to the west and is three bays across by one room deep. The entire house rests on a granite and fieldstone foundation with a full basement under the main block. The house is covered with a medium sloped composition tile roof with extended eaves. The roof was reported by the owners to have been a hip roof with shallow pitch and subject to leakage so the roof was changed to a common gable. The exterior weatherboard has remained ~~undisturbed~~ <sup>exposed</sup> under the western shed addition but has otherwise been covered with aluminum siding.

The south facade (main) is three bays across with an entrance is the eastern most opening. The four panel door has ogee molded inset and a slightly beaded trim. A three light transom is found overhead. Two six-over-six sash occupy the two western bays. Two six-over-six lights illuminate the second floor and a diamond window pierces the gable end. A flat roofed front porch covers the entrance and adjacent window and is supported by Doric columns with a full entablature overhead.

The eastern side is four bays deep with an entrance in the northern opening. Three six-over-six windows occupy the other openings and four identical sash light the second floor. A box cornice with bed molding stretches across directly above the sash. An identical porch protects this entrance and adjacent bay.

The northern side of the main block has a central 19th Century sash with two smaller lights on each side. There are two six-over-six sash on the second floor and a diamond attic light. A central brick stove stack rises out of the main block.

The west side is primarily covered with the ~~second~~ <sup>two</sup> story kitchen wing with a shed roof porch attached to the main block and protecting the kitchen entrance. According to the owners the present dining room (eastern wing room) and room above were not always enclosed. The space separated the main house and kitchen originally but was later enclosed. The six-over-six sash are smaller than the main block but are similarly plain. Pintels do remain on the surrounds throughout the house but the shutters do not. The west end of the kitchen is covered by the shed addition. A brick stove stack rises out of the gable end. The north side of the kitchen is similarly detailed with six-over-six on both floors. A larger six-over-six sash is found in the eastern second floor bay which would substantiate a different building stage from the kitchen structure.

The interior of the main block has been moderately remodeled but retains most of its mid 19th Century woodwork. Four panel grained doors with porcelain door knobs are found throughout with beveled door surrounds. Built-in cupboards are found in the northern room that runs the length of the house. The front parlor is approximately square in the southeastern corner of the house

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with the stair in a separate narrow room to the west of the parlor. The stair according to the owners was removed from another house and installed here. The mantels are typical mid-century forms with simple pilasters, a plain frieze and thick shelf.

The kitchen wing is typically covered with a narrowly beaded board with winder stair in the northwest corner. Detailing throughout the rest of the house remains along the same lines or more plain.

Noteable outbuildings that remain include a log meat house built with half dovetailed corner notching and steeply pitched gable roof with a wood shingle sheathing. The logs are covered with a vertical board sheathing and a door is found in the southern side. The fascia is nailed to the rafter ends but no soffit was attached. The structure measures 10'11" x 9'9".

A granary is found down the lane to the north of the house and is a typical two story form with side cribs and central passage. Other more recent chicken coops and cow barn are found directly north of the house. An iron windmill is located in the midst of these later structures. Thorn hedge fences line some lanes and according to the owner was the accepted mode of outlining fields and property lines.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

GIBSON'S GREEN FARM SIGNIFICANCE

The Gibson Green farm is a rare example of a three room plan house in southern Cecil County; one of two known at the moment. The house although late is an interesting example of how derivative German plans do survive well into the mid 19th Century. The structure has been significantly altered with the changing of the roof and remodeling inside. This, however, does not fade its architectural significance too much since it is such a uncommon house type in the tidewater area. The log meat house is also another rare survivor of the farm complexes. The other buildings are not particularly unusual but do complete the expected farm complex of buildings.

Part of the reason for this unusual plan in southern Cecil County may be in the fact that Thomas Van Dyke was owning the property in 1877 and beginning settlement around 1836, after leaving Kent County, Maryland. Tax records begin recording a new house on Gibson's Green farm in 1856 with the value set at \$600.00 along with a new barn at \$600.00 also. It is highly probable this is the present farmhouse.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

11/29/79

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

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Cecilton  
(BM 79)

APPROX

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APPROX

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(MD.)

BM 68

70

4359

68

39°22'30"

75°52'30"

425

1 120 000 FEET (MD.)

426

427

428 50'

BIDDLE

BUDD LANDING ROAD

WARD





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SOUTHERN ELEVATION  
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GIBSON'S GREEN FARM  
SOUTHERN ELEVATION OF  
CHICKEN HOUSES  
NR CECILTON, MD.

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DEV. 137  
Elizabeth C. South

9/17/79